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Applicant: McMahon Customer No. 29540

Serial No.: 09/915,103

For: **METHODS OF MAKING SLIDE-ZIPPERED RECLOSABLE
PACKAGES ON HORIZONTAL FORM-FILL-SEAL MACHINES**

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**PETITION UNDER RULE 78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT
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priority claim to include U.S. patent application serial no. 09/631,179, filed August 2, 2000 and which was pending on July 25, 2001 (the filing date of this application) as described in the Amendment and Request for Interference Under 37 C.F.R. §1.607 of February 11, 2003 (copy of pages 1 and 2 and Certificate of Mailing enclosed)

It is respectfully submitted that said Amendment provides the reference to the prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by Rule 78(a)(3)(i)

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In accordance with Rule 78(a)(3)(iii), patentee states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under Rule 78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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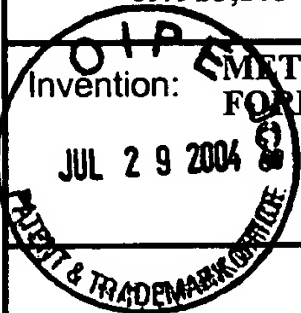
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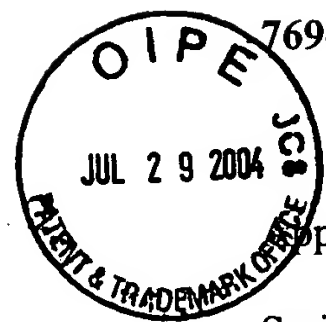
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For: Methods of Making Slide-Zippered Reclosable
Packages on Horizontal Form-Fill-Seal Machines

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE
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In response to the Office Action of November 15, 2002, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 6, after Title of the Invention, please rewrite the paragraph as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS. This is a division of application serial number 09/631,179 filed August 2, 2000, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application serial number 09/316,866 filed on May 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,138,439.--

In the Claims:

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Kindly amend Claim 33 and add Claims 34-74 as follows:

33. (amended) The method according to Claim 32 wherein zipper cross-seals formed by said step of cross-sealing the ends of the reclosable zipper extend into package cross-seals formed by said step of cross-sealing said folded film.

34. (new) A method of manufacturing recloseable packages, said method comprising:

providing a first wall panel opposing a second wall panel;

positioning a zipper between said first and second wall panels, said zipper including a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, and a slider slidably mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second